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Mutineers of the Bounty.

An interesting correspondence has lately been sent to the British Parliament relative to the fate of the descendants of the mutineers of the *Bounty* from Pitcairn's Island to Norfolk Island. There is scarcely a community in the world, considering its extent, has attracted so much attention and enlisted so large a share of the sympathy as that which for seventy years has inhabited a little solitary island in the Pacific Ocean, leading a virtuous and simple life, in the enjoyment of perfect peace and social happiness, shut out by their own desire from the bustle and tumult of the world.

In 1814 the "ten mutineers" were discovered and taken refuge on Pitcairn's Island. At the time of the original number, none but John Adams survived, and the royal pardon was immediately extended to him. As years went by the settlers increased in number, and as far as 1831, they emigrated to Otaheite, finding their own island too small to afford them permanent subsistence. Accustomed to their own primitive state of living they soon found association with the Tahitians intolerable, and abandoning their plan returned whence they came. Twenty years after this, finding their numbers continually increasing, they addressed a petition to the Earl of Malmesbury, the Foreign Secretary, through the British Consul at the Society Islands, in which they prayed to be removed to Norfolk Island, provided it were conceded to them, and that they be permitted to live in the same seclusion from the rest of the world as they had hitherto done at Pitcairn. This petition was favorably received and referred to Sir William Denison, Governor of South Wales, to ascertain whether the conditions at Norfolk Island could be removed, and whether the required arrangements were feasible. Wm. Denison's reply was satisfactory in all respects, and the Pitcairn Islanders were informed at the end of the year 1854 that they would be removed to their new home. Unforeseen difficulties, however, in the transfer of the convicts, and the completion of the necessary preparations, so that it was not until last April that the descendants of John Adams and his fellow-mutineers, numbering 194 in all, set sail from the diminutive island which their romantic history has rendered so famous, arriving at their destination in the month of June following. The details of the story from their first discovery to the day of their departure, and of the negotiations for their settlement, are graphically given by Capt. Bland and Lieut. Gregorie, of H. M.'s ship *Porpoise*, by Mr. Nicholas, the British Consul at the Society Islands, and Sir Wm. Denison, which has created much interest to a tale with which most people are familiar.

Although the British Government have given the remarkable family exclusive possession of Norfolk Island (the climate and fertility of which are regarded as perfect,) it is not to be expected that their close proximity to the growing colony of New South Wales, that they will long be able to maintain the seclusion they so much desire. According to the great law of nature by which the weaker absorbs the less, they too will ultimately be united with the great Southern world daily surrounding them, and in time will lose that distinctive character which has so long rendered an object of so much interest to the rest of the world.—*Y. Y. Journal of Commerce.*

The Rasin Trade of California.

The cultivation of grape in California will undoubtedly lead in a few years to a new and important trade, that of rasins. It is now generally understood, and has been amply proved, that all kinds of grapes can be successfully cultivated in California and on our peculiar soil. The rasin commerce requires the right sort of vines; a vine that produces that variety of grapes which contains a large quantity of the sugar or saccharine principle. Then it is essential that they be perfectly and carefully picked, properly cleaned from the imperfect or bad grapes, properly dried and neatly packed in boxes. The yield of grape in this country is so prolific, and the quality of the atmosphere so free from humidity, that the peculiar grape suited for the manufacture of rasins would be an additional flavor and sweetness when cultivated here. The idea may at this early period appear visionary, but the time is rapidly approach-

ing when operations still more surprising will be successfully carried out. The products and manufactures of California are yet in their infancy, and we make no question that most of us will live to see the rasin of the Pacific take the ascendancy over that of Malaga, Smyrna or any of the favored and genial shores of the Mediterranean. Mark the prophecy and wait trustingly for the day of its fulfillment.—*S. F. Globe.*

The Daily Newspapers of New York.

The expenses of daily journalism in New York are enormous. The public have but a faint idea of what it costs to furnish the two cents' worth of reading served up to it every morning by the small papers; only those engaged in the business have any conception of the immense outlays of money which are daily expended in obtaining the mere ephemeral news item, which forms so important a part of the transactions of a morning paper; the public has no conception of the amount and variety of talent which must be employed to give that variety in the topics treated of editorially in the columns of a daily paper; neither do they know how difficult it is to procure the necessary talent, even when the ability to pay amply exists. The editorial staff of a daily paper is now becoming a matter of great importance; the inconceivable difficulty of procuring the requisite ability to constitute such a body, increases with the constantly expanding scope of the daily journal, the rivalry of opposing establishments, and the expectations of the public. There must be the first editor-in-chief, and he must be a man not only born but educated for the post. It would be easier to find an able commander for an army, or a man suitable to fill the office of President of the Union, than to find one qualified to act as the editor of a daily paper. But, the editor found, then follows the difficulty of procuring the subordinates on his staff, each of whom must be endowed with his special qualification. There must be three or four writers of leading articles, well educated, variously informed, gentlemanly and honorable persons. Let what may be said of "gentlemen of the press," their vocation requires a higher order of intellect and morals than any other of the so-called learned professions. A physician, a clergyman, or a lawyer may succeed by mere assumption of airs, and by the various acts of charlatanism peculiar to all professions. But the newspaper writer can avail himself of no trickery—nothing but real talent, cleverness, industry, and learning can avail him. After the writers of leaders comes the paragraphist—who does not make a very large figure, but who is indispensable, and the most difficult of all newspaper help to obtain. Then comes the theatrical critic, the musical critic, agricultural critic, the money editor, the literary editor, and the city editor. These must be all men of ability, and specially qualified for their station. Then there are two or three men employed to look over the papers, and pick out little scraps of news and intelligence from all parts of the world; and then there is a host of reporters, short-hand writers, correspondents, and regular salaried letter writers from all the great cities in both the Old World and New. Added to these permanent and regular *attachés* are the telegraphic expenses, which are enormous. To maintain this large body of able-minded and able bodied men requires an enormous income, and the difficulty of getting them together, organizing them, and setting them to work harmoniously, must be so great, that no man who has a proper understanding of the business will ever think of establishing a daily paper by depending upon any party, or the magnificent promises of any friends for support.—*Am. Paper.*

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